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## Ministers want Dayan to join autonomy talks

**Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies**

Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan is due to consult with Premier Menahem Begin this morning on whether he should join the Israeli team for the autonomy negotiations which resume in Alexandria tomorrow.

Cabinet members were last night reported to be pressing for the participation of Dayan, who last week held successful talks with Egyptian leaders in Cairo on advancing the process of normalization of relations between the two countries.

The team is headed by Interior Minister Yosef Burg and includes Defence Minister Ezer Weizman, Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir, Agriculture Minister Shimon Peres and Minister without Portfolio Moshe Nisim. Dayan, who is a member of the team, has been reluctant to go to Alexandria tomorrow.

Egyptian Premier Mustapha Khalil yesterday conferred with the U.S. representative to the autonomy negotiations, James Leavelle, but no details were disclosed. Khalil, who also holds the foreign affairs portfolio, will head his country's negotiating team, that includes Defence Minister Kamal Hassan Ali and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Butros Ghali.

Egypt and Israel have been deadlocked in differences over the agenda. The Egyptians wanted to include in it the status of East Jerusalem and what was referred to as some "confidence-building" measures. These included a moratorium on the establishment of Israeli settlements in the West Bank and Gaza, the transfer of military

## First election results announced

### Sadat's party retains firm control of Egypt's parliament

**CAIRO (UPI).** — Like its predecessor, Egypt's new parliament will be dominated by President Anwar Sadat's National Democratic Party (NDP), which has chalked up an unbeatable lead in Thursday's elections.

The party's victory, and the defeat of almost all candidates known to be strongly opposed to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty, were seen by officials as renewed popular endorsement of the treaty.

The treaty was ratified by the outgoing legislature and subsequently approved by a near-unanimous majority in a national referendum last April.

Following the referendum, Sadat disbanded parliament where his NDP, formed only last year, held about 300 out of 380 seats. The remainder was held by three small opposition parties and independents.

The results of about two-thirds of 174 constituencies announced by mid-morning yesterday, showed that the NDP won 134 seats, the left-of-center Socialist Labour party (SLP) 9, the right-wing Socialist Liberals 1 and independents 13.

Seats at stake in Thursday's balloting totalled 376, with about 1,600 candidates running, nearly 1,000 of them independents.

Runoff elections, scheduled for next Thursday, will be held in many constituencies because the proliferation of candidates split votes many ways and the tally was too close to be conclusive.

As of mid-morning yesterday, there were to be runoff elections for 83 seats and this number is expected to increase by the time final results are announced.

Winning candidates included 14 cabinet members, headed by Prime Minister Mustapha Khalil, plus presidential staff aides Hassan Kamel and Sayed Marei. NDP secretary-general Fikry Makram Elbeid — another indication of popular support for Sadat's policies. All were elected by substantial majorities.

The runoff elections will be contested mostly by NDP and independent candidates and a sprinkling of SLP nominees. This round of balloting is expected to increase NDP strength in the new house.

Khalil said that he will tender his cabinet's resignation immediately after the results of the runoff elections are announced.

This will be a formality required by the constitution. Officials said that Sadat is expected to ask Khalil to form a new administration but few changes are expected in the present line-up.

The new parliament is scheduled to convene on June 23. Sadat will inaugurate it with a keynote speech.

## Restrained Soviet reaction to Carter's new missile plan

**MOSCOW.** — The Soviet Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" charged yesterday that U.S. plans to develop the new mobile MX intercontinental ballistic missile "run at variance with the spirit of SALT-II."

It was the first substantive response to a White House announcement on Friday that U.S. President Jimmy Carter has approved full-scale deployment of the weapon, designed to elude any surprise attack by the Soviet Union against the U.S.

"Pravda" said the administration's move was in response to pressure from "militaristic forces" who want to extract arms programmes from the "price" for approval of the SALT-II treaty, which is facing an uphill ratification battle in the U.S. Senate.

The Soviet commentary was noticeably restrained and did not attack Carter directly for the MX project — probably because of his coming summit with President Leonid Brezhnev in Vienna next weekend.

Under the \$300. MX plans, which will take 10 years to execute, vast areas of the picturesque deserts in the U.S. Southwest will become a warren of ditches or tunnels to protect the new mobile missiles.

The White House announced on Friday that 200 MX missiles, the first strategic nuclear system to be built by the U.S. in a decade, would be produced to counter new weapon challenges from the Soviet Union.

## 10-hour delay at Port Said before sabra steps off yacht from Israel

**By JOAN BOBSTEIN**  
**Jerusalem Post Correspondent and Agencies**

**PORT SAID.** — An attractive 19-year-old sabra from Jerusalem, who married to an American citizen, on Friday became the first bona fide Israeli tourist admitted to Egypt.

Unlike the journalists and government officials who have been entering Egypt on second passports or with visas issued on separate documents over the past 18 months, Mrs. Gamel's Israeli passport actually bears an Egyptian stamp.

However, Ofra's arrival was not without problems. There was a 10-hour delay before the authorities allowed 17 U.S. citizens, two Britons and Ofra — all having made the voyage aboard the yacht Gabriella from Tel Aviv to Port Said — into Egypt.

One of the Britons on the voyage is Sarah Saville, travel writer for *The Jerusalem Post*, who holds an Israeli passport.

Agent for VIP Tours, which arranged the voyage, suggested that



Settlers at Eilon Moreh go about the business of turning their rocky hilltop into a community. (IPFA)

## Peace Now demonstrators block path to Eilon Moreh settlement

**By BENNY MORRIS and JOSHUA BRILLIANT**  
**Jerusalem Post Reporters**

**EILON MOREH.** — The military governor of Nablus last night declared the new settlement of Eilon Moreh a closed area. Israeli Radio reported at midnight. Military sources said that the Peace Now demonstrators remaining in the vicinity might be removed in the early hours of this morning.

Earlier in the day, thousands of members of Peace Now pushed large boulders into the path leading to the brand-new controversial settlement, and posted guards to prevent any further influx of settlers into the encampment.

The Peace Now demonstrators told the deputy governor of Nablus, who conveyed the order to them, that their presence there is legal until the order is served on the Arab owners of the land.

Earlier, Peace Now representatives were asked by Defence Minister Ezer Weizman to leave the site. They said they first wanted to meet with him, but the defence minister did not give an undertaking to do so.

Last night the demonstrators met with the military governor of Nablus.

At the time the order was made a few score Peace Now members were still in the area.

Twenty tents were pitched in a secret, surprise operation by Gush Emunim settlers here last Thursday morning. The area, 1.5 kilometres southeast of Nablus, is slated for a 1,000-resident Jewish town during its initial stages. Approval for its development was given last Sunday by the cabinet, over objections from five ministers, including Weizman and Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan.

Operational headquarters of Gush Emunim welcomed the Peace Now demonstrators. "If they decide to stay here they will be a substantial strengthening of the settlement. We have no objection that Judea and Samaria be settled by Peace Now members too," their spokesman said.

Speaking just outside the perimeter fence, Peace Now movement leaders told their estimated 3,000-4,000 supporters that the government decision to set up the new point was "untimely and ill-conceived," in view of the on-going autonomy talks with Egypt.

Teal Reshef, the movement's Jerusalem spokesman, called the government action "illegal," saying that some 600 dunams of privately owned Arab land had been seized without their owners even being issued with the appropriate writ. Reshef also pointed out that the newly-bulldozed track to the point ran through a number of privately-owned corn fields, "not even covered by the expropriation."

The speed and surprise of Thursday's coup, added Reshef, was also "illegal" as it was specifically designed to forestall any appeals by local land-owners to courts to protest the seizure orders.

The demonstrators set out from meeting points in the country's main cities and from kibbutzim at 2 p.m. taking a variety of routes to the site in an effort to avoid possible IDF roadblocks.

At the intersection of the Rujeib-Awarta road and the newly-bulldozed track leading to Eilon Moreh the demonstrators were stopped by Nablus military governor Aluf-Milchne Yosef Lutz, who attempted to dissuade them from advancing to the settlement itself. He was backed by several dozen soldiers. A compromise was quickly worked out by which the movement members were allowed to hike up the hill to a point 100 metres from the perimeter fences.

Reshef said Peace Now members would man the roadblock indefinitely and maintain "passive resistance" up to the point of being physically removed by the authorities. He stressed that they would not resort to violence.

The coordinator of settlement in Judea and Samaria, Uri Bar-On, told *The Jerusalem Post* he did not believe the Peace Now demonstrators would delay the settlement's development. He said that the Ministerial Settlement Committee will meet today to coordinate the settlement's development with

## Pentagon: Military ties with Saudis now closer than ever

**Washington Post News Service**

**WASHINGTON.** — Although relations between the U.S. and Saudi Arabia have been chilled by the U.S.-backed Israeli-Egyptian peace treaty, military cooperation between Washington and Riyadh has never been closer, a senior Pentagon official said last week.

The official scoffed at reports generated by Saudi sources that the oil-rich kingdom was offended by American proposals, delivered by Secretary of Defence Harold Brown in February, for a more active U.S. military role in the Persian Gulf region.

"The security relationship is better than it has ever been," the official said. "We and the Saudis, of course, have our differences on some of the (other) things that are going on in the area, but that is a completely separate issue."

On a related matter, the official, who asked not to be quoted by name, said the U.S. is prepared to help Egypt build up its domestic arms industry. But this aid would stop far short of high-technology items such as jet aircraft, the official added.

Some Saudi sources have suggested that Secretary Brown came on much too strong in February when he offered to consult regularly with Riyadh on matters concerning the defence of the Arabian Peninsula. Published accounts have said the Saudis rejected proposals for establishment of U.S. bases on Saudi territory.

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## Hussein lauds role of Soviets in M.E.

**MOSCOW (AP).** — Jordan's King Hussein, in an interview broadcast here Friday night, praised the Soviet Union for its striving to "establish a lasting and just peace" in the Middle East.

Hussein told Soviet television that while the U.S. government engineered the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty which he labelled "unacceptable," the Kremlin has stood fast behind the Arab cause. "We highly appreciate the Soviet Union's role and the invariable support it gives to the right cause of the Arab peoples," he said.

"It is clear to us all that Israel is seeking stubbornly and purposefully to establish its final domination in the occupied territories and intends to stay there for good," Hussein said.

## Iran-Iraq border clashes reported

**TEHRAN (UPI).** — Iraqi planes overflew west Iran, and a border patrol opened fire on Iranian guards on Friday. The incidents followed an air attack on six remote villages in the northwest that left six Iranians dead earlier last week, the Iranian Pars news agency said yesterday.

The agency, quoting local authorities, said that two Iraqi aircraft flew over the town of Faveh, 395 kms west of Teheran, on Friday evening and "caused some anxiety among the inhabitants."

Further south along the Iran-Iraq border, Iraqi border patrols opened fire on Iranian guards at Shalamchem on Friday but caused no casualties.

Yesterday's report of Iraqi shootings followed an air attack six days ago on six west Iranian villages in which four Iraqi air force planes bombed and strafed the area, killing six people.

## Egyptian visa office to open in J'lem

**Jerusalem Post Staff**

The Foreign Ministry is to open new offices in a nearby building for handling visas to Egypt. *The Jerusalem Post* learned last night.

The offices, which will carry out Egyptian consular functions, will be manned by Israeli officials who are likely to be joined at a later stage by Egyptian liaison officers. The office, located in an apartment building complex on Jaffa Road, are planned to receive applications for Egyptian tourism now allowed via air and sea.

Officials in Jerusalem last night declined to comment on reports that Israeli liaison officers will be leaving today for Cairo to take up similar functions in the Egyptian capital.

The liaison officers were said to be flying to Egypt today along with the party accompanying Deputy Premier Yigael Yadin. Yadin is leaving this morning for a six-day archaeological tour of Egypt at the invitation of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat.

## Israeli jets raid PLO South Lebanon tense after heavy clashes

**Jerusalem Post Staff and Agencies**

Uneasy calm returned to South Lebanon last night after Israel went into action against terrorist bases and artillery batteries, and Christian militias joined in with fire over the heads of UNIFIL forces in the area.

In the first flareup this month, Israeli gunners on Friday night were ordered into action to silence terrorist batteries which had fired a number of shells on the northern Galilee panhandle near Metulla.

Israeli Radio reported that the terrorist barrage in the evening was the third that day; however, the IDF reported no knowledge of other incidents earlier in the day.

On Friday morning, Israeli jets bombed terrorist bases some 35 km north of the border in the eastern Christian enclave across the border, and included Katyusha rockets, cannon and 160 mm mortars. The bombardment caused heavy damage to crops, and houses; electrical and water installations were also hit.

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attempt to advance to the centre of al-Mansouri village following unconfirmed reports of infiltration of Palestinian terrorists.

After the Dutch troops retreated, he said, rightist artillery positions at Tallet al-Bayyada began shelling the village. The corporal claimed that more than 30 shells landed on the village and neighbouring areas, wounding a married couple. The Dutch troops man a checkpoint at al-Mansouri, about 10 km. south the port city of Tyre.

UN officers told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the UN had been instrumental in obtaining a cease-fire, although Major Saad Haddad, head of the "Free Lebanon" force, denied this claim. "We have no agreement whatsoever with the terrorists on a cease-fire or any other topic," he said. "We stop shooting when they stop, and we never initiate the exchanges."

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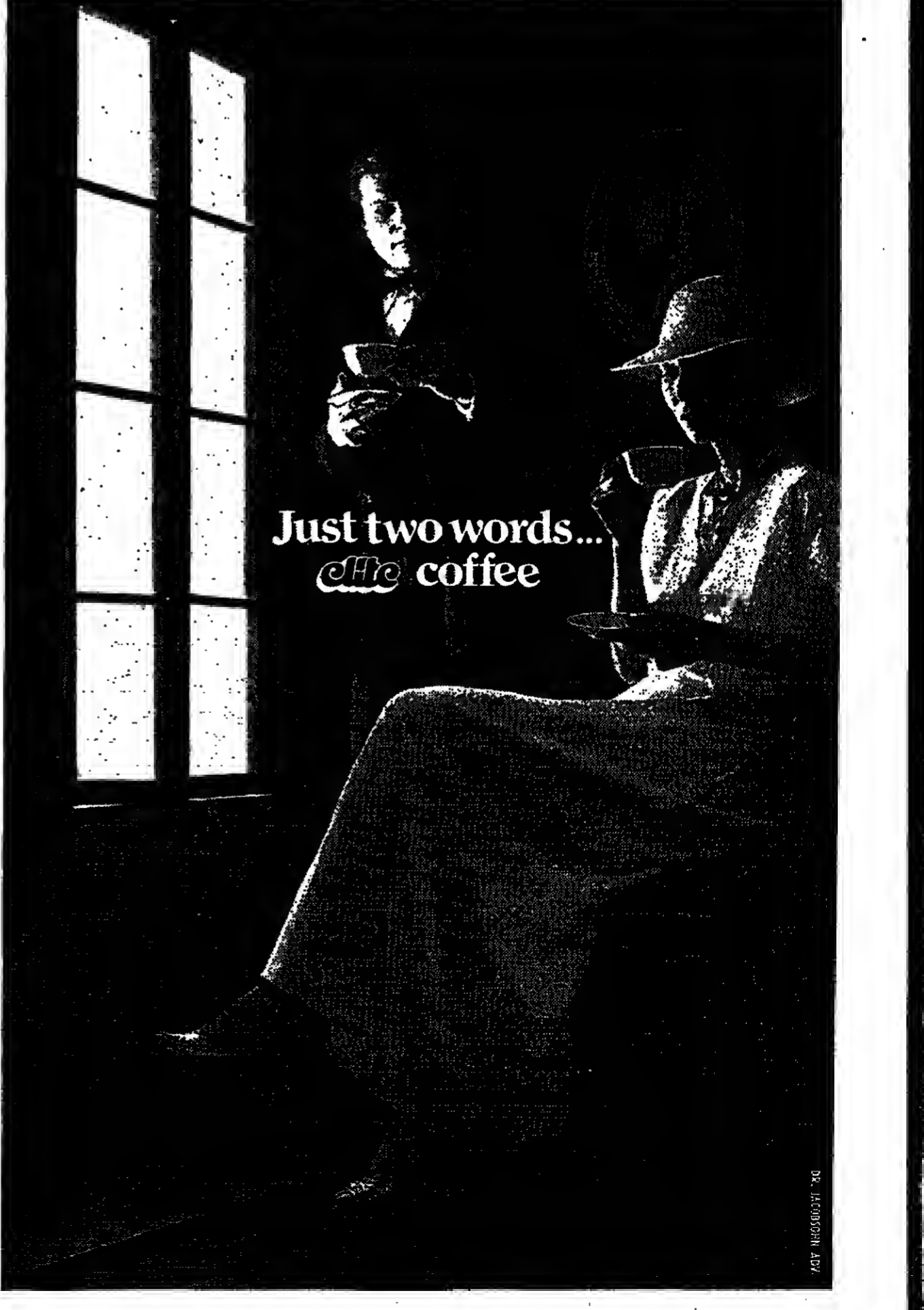
**RIO DE JANEIRO (UPI).** — Brazil raised its coffee export prices by 20 per cent to \$1.81 per pound (\$4 per kg.) yesterday, a move expected to result in coffee price increases on grocery shelves around the globe.

The price boost by the world's largest coffee producing nation followed frosts a week ago that damaged an estimated one billion of its three billion coffee trees and reduced substantially the estimates for next year's harvest.

The Brazilian Coffee Institute announced that its new basic minimum price for export registration of green coffee will be \$1.81 per pound (\$4 per kg.) compared to \$1.50 (\$3.30) when export registrations were suspended on Monday.

Commodity brokers have estimated that in the short run coffee export prices will go to at least \$2 per pound (\$4.40 per kg.).

On Thursday, three of the U.S. largest coffee roasters raised wholesale prices on ground coffee by 25 cents to \$2.83 a pound (\$6.24 per kg.).





Ford Foundation-backed survey shows: Israel has no right to exist, half of country's Arabs feel

HAIFA (Him). — Fifty per cent of Israel's Arab population reject Israel's right to exist, and 64 per cent regard the Zionist movement as racist. Three-quarters of Arabs holding Israel citizenship support the establishment of a Palestinian state, and 48 per cent define themselves as "Palestinians."

Galilee Arabs ask Sadat to help get their village back

By YOEL DAB Jerusalem Post Reporter SAFAD. — Residents of the Arab village of Akroba, near here, appealed to Egyptian President Anwar Sadat on Friday to help them return to the village from which they were evacuated in 1943 for security reasons.

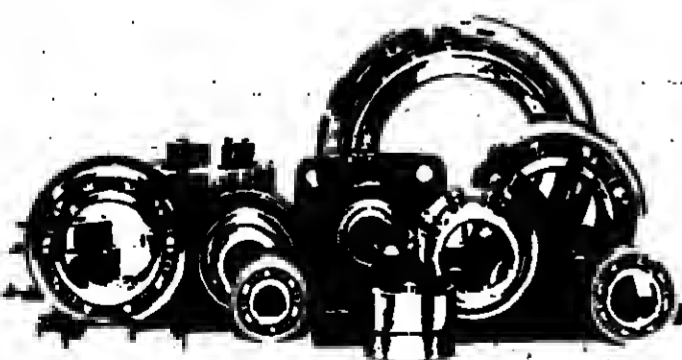
Arab terrorist gets life in UK court for El Al attack

LONDON (AP). — Arab terrorist Fahad Mihvi was given four life sentences Friday at the Old Bailey, the central criminal court in London, for a gun and grenade attack on an El Al airplane crew in Mayfair last August.

Refurbished U.S. Cultural Centre to reopen in J'lem

By JUDY SIEGEL Jerusalem Post Reporter The U.S. Cultural Centre in Jerusalem reopens today after months of refurbishing. It will include electronic hardware, including audio-cassettes, microfilm and microfiche machines in addition to videotape machines. It will help the centre at 19 Rehov Keren Hayesod keep up with innovations in communications and technology.

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The military government is currently dismantling the memorial to the Jewish martyrs of the 1929 Hebron massacre, which was built 10 years ago on this site near the town. The memorial will be relocated to a site where recent excavations show the original graves to have been.

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET REVIEW

Oil stocks soar as rest of market moves up strongly

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN Post Finance Reporter TEL AVIV. — Stocks — milks water — and oil do mix. In a week during which most shares were moving upwards, oil cast its magic spell.

WALL STREET WEEK

Bull market on junior exchange isn't a joke

NEW YORK (AP). — There is a bull market in Wall Street that has been building without interruption for 4 1/2 years.

Menten back home after hospital stay

THE HAGUE (Reuter). — Dutch millionaire Pieter Menten, who collapsed 10 days ago when told of his pending re-arrest on war crimes charges, was discharged from hospital on Thursday and has returned home, the Justice Ministry said on Friday.

Nebenzahl: Don't deal with phoney firms

Jerusalem Post Reporter TEL AVIV. — State comptroller Yitzhak Nebenzahl wants government-supported companies to avoid doing business with firms run by front men in tax havens such as Liechtenstein.

Decision today on Rechtman's appeal

The Supreme Court today will deliver its decision on the appeal against a 3 1/2-year sentence for fraud by MK Shmuel Rechtman.

CELEBRATING — Residents of the Arab village of Meisr, near Afula, will celebrate today the opening of a new elementary school and the village's hookup with the national electricity grid.

STABBING. — A 53-year-old Gaza resident, Khalil Halasa, is in a serious condition after he was stabbed three times last week by a customer at a Carmel Market watermelon stall in Tel Aviv, following an argument over the price of a watermelon.

Denial Burg was ill in Cairo

The Interior Ministry spokesman on Friday denied reports that Interior Minister Yosef Burg was treated in Cairo for heart palpitations. The spokesman said that Burg suffered from minor indigestion only, and required no treatment.

Two Galilee Arabs held in security probe

By YOEL DAB Jerusalem Post Reporter ACRE. — Two of 10 Arab residents in Galilee arrested last week on suspicion of offences against the security of the state have been remanded in custody for further investigation.

Customs officers at Jordan on strike

ALLENBY BRIDGE (Him). — Customs officers at the Allenby and Adam bridges on the Jordan went on strike last week over a salary dispute. The customs workers claim that other workers on the bridge, who also deal with travellers, receive double their salary.

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Righteous Gentiles to be honoured

The Righteous Gentiles medallion, the highest honour bestowed by the State of Israel upon a non-Jew, will be awarded posthumously to Janina and Franciszek Cygan, of Poland, during a tree planting ceremony tomorrow at Jerusalem's Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial.

TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PROJECT ON PEACE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

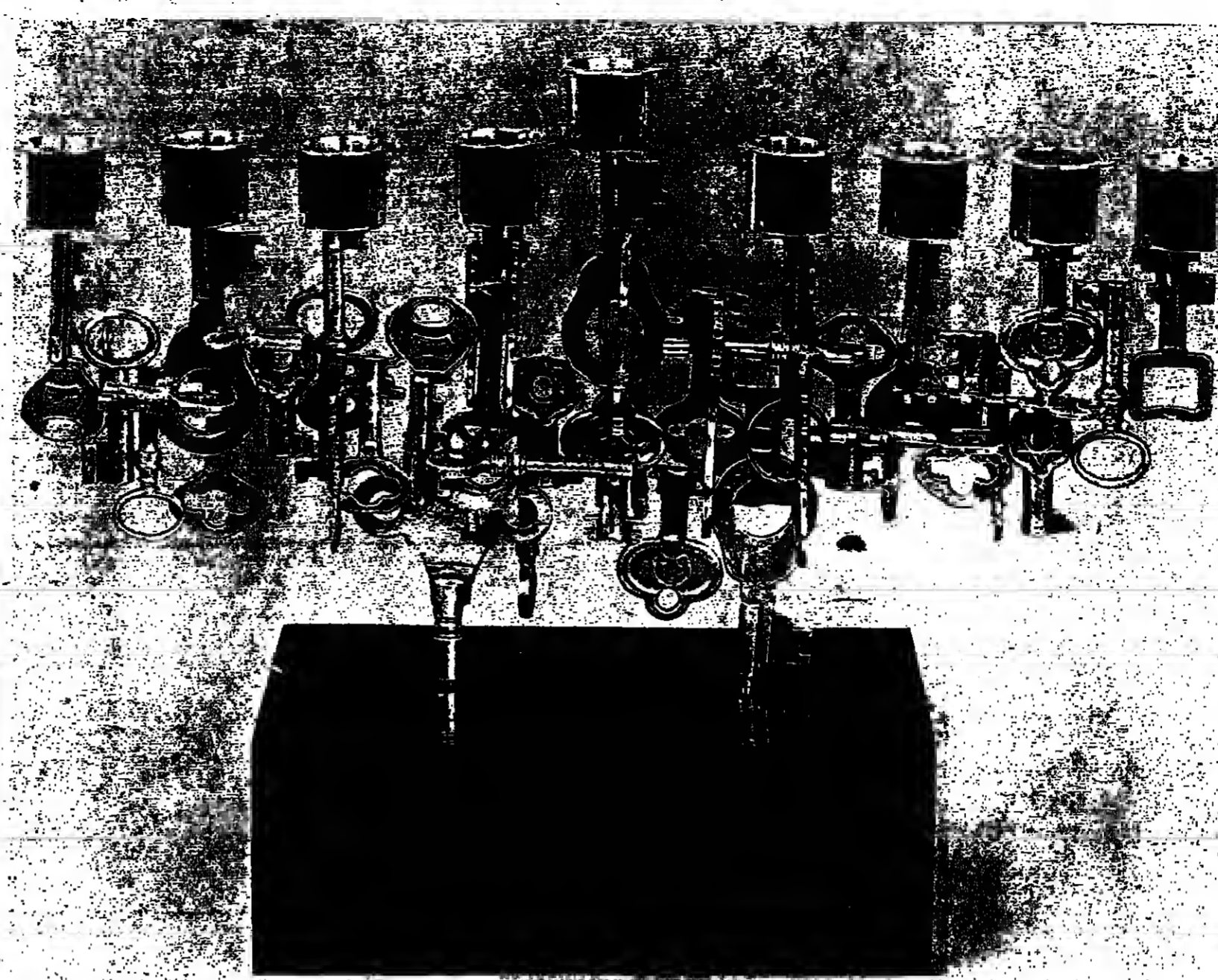








Keys are the theme for this necklace (left) and Hanukkah (right), while spoons and a fork form a talking point between Eli Gera and actor Peter Ustinov (below).



## Art of the religious

Making Jewish ceremonial objects has opened a whole new world for Eli Gera, writes Diana Lerner.

FOR ELI GERA, creating Jewish ceremonial objects with modern designs is the expression of a lifelong passion.

"When I started to design jewelry, I drew inspiration from religious articles for my design. But I never dreamed that one day these would constitute the major part of my work. Today, I get some of my ideas from them from my jewelry."

Other jewelry designers use Italian, French or folklore motifs. I

borrow from the motifs on Kiddush cups, B'samim (spice) boxes, candelabra, Hanukkiot, Mezuzot, crowns and ornaments for Torah scrolls and other articles found in synagogues and homes I have visited.

This week, Gera, a Freeman of the prestigious British Goldsmiths' Guild (The Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths) will be exhibiting some of his ceremonial creations at the Jewish Museum in

London, and attracting British craftsmen, many of them non-Jews, who often receive orders from synagogues for such works and dominate the field. (In 1976, Gera held a similar exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum in London.)

Both in his jewelry and in his traditional art, Gera uses the motifs of flowers, fruit, animals, birds, architecture and the

folklore themes. Silvermith producing ceremonial objects, have always been influenced by styles that prevailed in each period, adding the specifically Jewish character to them as prescribed by Halacha and Jewish tradition. That explains why one can find Gothic architecture and even a church building on a B'samim box, Gera observes, and other secular, Christian or ethnic influences.

What started Gera on his new-old

interest? One day, he read a newspaper item which gave statistics on countries leading in the craft of Jewish religious articles. He was stunned to learn that Hungary was in first place, Japan in second and Israel third in creating these articles. So upset at Israel's third place, Gera felt challenged to enter the field himself.

That was nine years ago, Gera explained. "I started with some of the silverware I had picked up in auctions for my jewelry; some were 100 years old or more and I began to put them together as religious articles that fascinated me.

"It was the love of a lifetime which I had flirted for many years. Its pursuit opened a whole new world for me." From that moment Gera began to seek out ritual objects in the large Jewish centres in Europe and in out-of-the-way places no one had ever heard of.

Once he was directed to a small town in the south of France, where a synagogue no longer in use was being preserved as a historic site. When he was let into its museum in the cellar, Gera faced a treasure of religious objects that took his breath away. He noted in the guest book that the most recent signatures of visitors were those of President Yitzhak Ben-Zvi and his wife Rahel Yanait. As he left, he was surprised to see on a rocky mountain overlooking the road to the synagogue carved into the stone the Hebrew lettering: "In memory of the Jewish community of Cavillon, destroyed by Hitler."

Are there any Jews living here? Gera asked. No, but we keep the place as a sacred shrine, he was told.

Closer to home, Gera tells that his father, now 88, left his practice as a dental mechanic several years ago, and began to make B'samim boxes in the style he remembered from childhood.

While he was making only jewelry, Gera relates, occasionally someone would come to him for a beautiful piece to give to a daughter in the hope it would awaken her appreciation for artistic work.

Similarly today, he will get a customer for a Kiddush cup or a Hanukkiot from a parent who says perhaps it will help bring his son or daughter back to "Yiddishkeit."

Gera's pursuit of his art has brought him into contact with original Jewish sources and he has become versed in fine points of the law describing the way the ritual objects were made. Occasionally a pious Jew will argue that, say, a curved Hanukkiot is not according to ritual and Gera will be able to prove by chapter and verse that it may not be round but it is kosher if it allows every candle to be lit separately.

One of his greatest admirers is Religious Minister Aharon Abu Hatzer. The Minister often presents Gera's work as a gift and recently brought a Gera Menora to an Italian cardinal as a present from the Government of Israel.

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel.

## The man with the golden dove

The symbol of peace is Eytan Erel's inspiration, says Catherine Rosenheimer.

and represented a group of Israeli jewellers, in the May "Israel Week" at Bloomingdale, New York. The jewelry collection was selected by Estle Ben Joseph, of Tel Aviv's S.T.B. Gallery, through whom Eytan markets most of his work.

A kibbutznik, born at Geber Haziv, Eytan's career has been a varied one. "I was always attracted by the tones and forms of stones," he says. "I started collecting unusual pebbles on the seashore at the age of 11 — but always dreamed of studying painting." After completing army service in the paratroopers, he joined the Inbal dance company, and spent 2½ years with the troupe, including a tour of Australia. Returning to his childhood ambition of studying painting, he gave up his dance career, and joined the Tel Aviv studio of Joseph Schwartzmann.

"He had a highly academic approach and gave me a very strict training, and I owe a tremendous amount to his teaching. I think I learnt jewelry design through the methods he taught me. He was extremely practical, and insisted that it was not enough for his students to study painting alone, and that they all needed a second profession for earning their living."

At Schwartzmann's insistence, Eytan started to learn the craft of jewelry-making during the daytime, apprenticed to a silversmith who taught him the technical side of the profession. "He was a very fine craftsman, in the old-fashioned sense, though by no means a designer. He helped me translate my own ideas into technical feasibility — though he thought most of them were quite crazy!"

During this period, Eytan sold some of his jewelry, as well as hand-painted canvas wallhangings, to Masalit. In 1973, he applied to the Copenhagen School for Arts and Crafts, where he completed a two-year course in jewelry design, and was also a guest student in the graphics department during his third year. He concentrated mostly on photography during his final year, also working in lithography, etching and sculpture. He had several solo exhibitions in Denmark and Sweden, and also participated in two Israel Weeks in Copenhagen, in 1975 and 1976.

On his return to Israel two years ago, he decided that, of all the fields he had studied, jewelry seemed the most practical for earning a living, and supporting his young family. He now teaches at the Na'amot "Omanit" school of arts and crafts in Jaffa, spending the remainder of his time in his own studio-workshop.

The clean lines of modern Scandinavian jewelry design are evident in the style of his work, which still has a great deal of individuality. "Here, people say my jewelry looks very Danish, whereas there, they consider it Israeli, oriental in influence!"

Largely because of the high cost of raw materials, Eytan works a great deal in silver and enamel combinations. His colours are rich and subtle combinations — a three-tier Cleopatra-style necklace blends ochre, topaz and olive tones in its enamel insets, the individual links made up of both geometric forms and more romantic, stylised tulip heads. Choker necklaces and pendants are the items he produces

most, many combining silver with clear crystal or opal.

He often draws his motifs from local antiquities — old mosaic synagogue floors, and biblical themes. One of his most unusual necklaces, highly complicated in its technical execution, is a coiled gold snake with a pearl in its mouth, which he made for his wife as an anniversary present. He likes traditional shapes combined with modern execution: many of his necklaces look like tiny stained glass panels. Even the traditional "Hamsa" (lucky hand) takes on a new look when he makes it of enameled panels. A beautiful colour combination is purple with topaz, brick and deep brown.

Above all, believes Eytan Erel jewelry is a functional art, which must be decorative, flattering to the face and body, and always play "second fiddle." "There is an intimate relationship between a piece of jewelry and its wearer. Jewelry must be designed so that its wearer can move and behave totally naturally, it must never be restrictive and, apart from its weight, it should hardly be felt. I dislike very cold lines, the mechanical look of machines parts, which can never blend with the body. Jewelry is for wearing, an integral part of the body, and should not be designed for display in shop windows and exhibitions.

"Formwise, it must complement the lines of the face and body, never compete for attention. The centerpiece of a successful necklace is always the face of the wearer — it should flatter the face, enlivening it like subtly applied eye make-up. And, if it is possible to say this of metal and gems, they should 'breathe with the body.'"

IN RECENT months, the dove of peace has become one of the favourite — and most overworked symbols — for designers, graphic artists, and organizers of public ceremonies.

Jeweller Eytan Erel has been making pendants and necklaces, based on the motif of a flying dove, for well over a decade — long before the peace process was dreamt of. His initial inspiration was antique Persian-bridal jewelry, in fine gold filigree lacework, depicting doves and hearts. He liked the idea, and took the same motif, making it into tiny golden pendants with a stylised dove, and a little heart dangling

beneath it. For him, however, the bird symbolises love rather than peace — and he bases this belief on verses 10 and 11 of the first chapter of the "Song of Songs."

Developing the same theme, he has made larger doves, dangling from a slender golden neck band, curving delicately, and hand-beaten in either silver or gold. The silver pendants are inset with different coloured enamel sections, whilst the gold ones have tiny, sparkling diamonds set into the pendant section, the eye and the bird's beak.

Forty-year-old Erel will shortly be returning from the U.S., where he exhibited a collection of his work,

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Chris Evert Lloyd, who yesterday in Paris won the French open hardcourt title for the third time with a 6-2, 6-0 victory over Wendy Turnbull.

Evert cops French net title; Borg, Pecci in men's final

PARIS (AP). Chris Evert Lloyd brushed Wendy Turnbull of Australia, 6-2, 6-0 yesterday to win the women's title in the French Open tennis championships.

The crown was worth \$30,000 to the American, who has now won this prestigious clay courts title three times.

Evert Lloyd won the title in 1974 and 1975 and then missed the event for three years. Returning this year, she took the title with the loss of only one set; to Ivanna Madruga of Argentina in the third round.

Turnbull, 25, a former bank clerk from Brisbane, picked up a runner's up prize of \$15,000. This was her 10th meeting with Evert, who has beaten her every time.

The final on the centre court of the Roland Garros stadium was a duel played mostly from the baseline, with long rallies in which Evert Lloyd's greater steadiness was the deciding factor.

In the men's final today, Paraguay's upset artist Victor Pecci who beat Jimmy Connors in the semifinal on Friday and Guillermo Vilas in the earlier quarter-final.

tries for the grand slam by beating defending champion and world No. 1 Bjorn Borg. The unseeded Paraguayan has never yet won a major tournament.

There was some consolation for the U.S. men who have never been shut out of the French singles title for 24 years. The brothers Gene and Sandy Mayer of New Jersey won the doubles title, beating Australians Ross Case and Phil Dent 6-4, 6-4.

The Mayers collected \$20,000 for the doubles win, while Case and Dent collected \$3,900.

World Cup badminton contests open today

TOKYO (AP). — Twenty-seven contests will be played in the opening round of the World Cup badminton championships starting today in Fuzhou (Hangchow), China, the official Xinhua (Hsinhua) news agency reported yesterday.

It said 15 men's teams and six women's teams are playing in the first-stage round-robin series which ends on Tuesday.

W. Indies favoured to win World Cup cricket series

LONDON (AP). — The West Indies are firm favourites to win the Prudential World Cup cricket competition, which started yesterday.

Cricket's six "Big Boys," the West Indies, England, Australia, Pakistan, India and New Zealand, and two unlikely qualifiers, Canada and Sri Lanka, are chasing a £10,000 first prize.

In their opening encounter yesterday, the West Indians beat India by nine wickets in a Group "A" match in Birmingham. They showed impressive form in scoring 194 for a single-wicket in 51.3 overs after having dismissed the entire Indian side for 190 (53.1 overs).

At Lord's in London, England beat Australia by six wickets in a Group "B" match. Australia's innings expired at 189 for nine (86 overs), with England scoring 186 for four (47.1 overs).

Other results yesterday included another nine-wicket victory for New Zealand in Nottingham, where in another group "A" match they trounced Sri Lanka by 180 to 188 all out. In a group "B" match in Leeds,

Pakistan beat Canada by eight wickets, knocking up 140 for two after the Canadian side closed its innings with 139 for nine wickets at the end of the 90 overs.

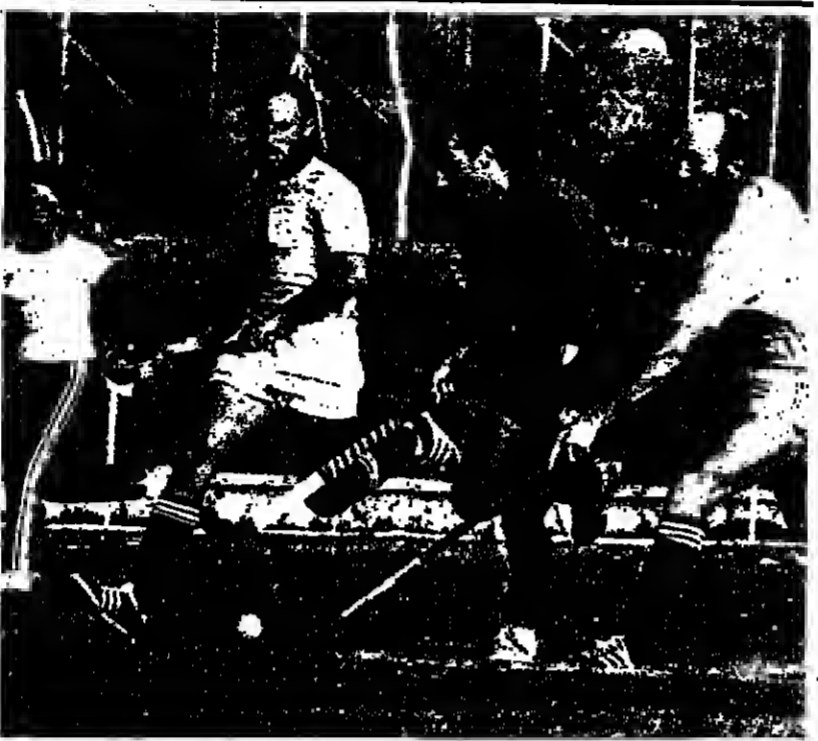
The West Indies won the first World Cup four years ago, and appear to have the strongest squad again. But they will face strong competition from England, Pakistan and Australia.

Outsiders Canada and Sri Lanka battled the elements and 15 other cricketing minnows (including Israel) for the right to qualify to play in the World Cup. The bookmakers rate their chances at 1,000 to 1.

On Friday, Queen Elizabeth II played host to 350 international cricketers at a Buckingham Palace reception.

With the queen to greet players from 28 nations was Prince Charles and Princess Anne.

The queen received each cricketer personally in the state apartments of Buckingham Palace, and a noontime reception with refreshments followed in the picture gallery. (AP, Reuter)



Israeli defenders converge to block a breakthrough by an HMS Courageous forward.

Israel beats Courageous 2:0 in 'international' hockey debut

By JACK LEON Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's hockey team yesterday marked their debut in style by defeating a squad from the visiting British submarine HMS Courageous 2:0 at the Tel Aviv University sports stadium.

This was the first hockey match seen in Israel against overseas opposition since the Third Maccabiah in 1950.

For the Courageous, this was also their first outing since they beat the frigate HMS Avenger in Davenport, England, last month in the final of the Royal Navy's 15th annual "midships" championship. The Courageous was the first submarine to win the prestigious title, for which the crews of 35 ships competed.

Israel had the edge in a hard-fought contest, but, after inside-left Mark Smulian put them ahead midway through the first half, the visitors were always in contention

until three minutes before the final whistle, when centre-forward James Gordon added a further goal. Both goals were the result of passes from coach-captain Adrian Cowell, who led the side with panache.

The Courageous team, comprising men from the rank of lieutenant commander to able-seaman, generally showed the better stick work, but they badly lacked a sharpshooter. The visitors' captain Tony Masters had a great game at half-back, and was well supported by fellow-defenders Brooks, Bolton and Robinson, while Coles was the pick of the attack.

Israel's backs Michael Meyer, Leon Lipworth and Keith Britzany looked most impressive, while Gordon and Smulian were the best of the forwards. Winger Tal Kitzron, 17, the star member of the youth team of Maoz Aviv's Lady David Vocational School, showed plenty of promise when he was brought on for the second half.

2 Porsches in lead as 47th Le Mans race roars away

LE MANS (AP). — The two favoured works Porsche 936 speedsters took an immediate lead after the first hour's race as 53 cars roared away yesterday afternoon to start the 47th Le Mans 24-hours road race classic.

France's Bob Wollek and Belgian Jacky Ickx, bidding for a record fifth victory here, swapped the lead a couple of times in the opening laps, quickly pulling out a visible lead over the field.

The two Mirage-Fords entered by American Harley Clouston, driven by Australian Vern Shuppan and Briton Derek Bell, held third and fourth places in the early laps, although Bell was once forced to use the escape road at the end of the 220-mph (350 kph) Mulsanne straight.

Behind the two Porsches, the race, watched by some 100,000 fans in brilliant sunshine, was considered one of the most open in years. American Bill Whittington in a

Porsche 936 coupe made a surprise ball start, lying third before the Mirages moved ahead on sheer speed.

As the race started settling down, Whittington was lying fifth ahead of the British de Cadenet-Ford driven by Francois Migault of France, from the Rondeau of France's Jean Ragnotti, and two private German Porsche 936s driven by Manfred Schurtliff and Briton John Fitzpatrick.

Tenth overall was the 936 of Dick Barbour of the U.S., driven by German Rolf Stommelen. Fifth star Paul Newman was to join Barbour and Stommelen driving the car later in the race.

After 40 laps of the 8.6-mile (13.8 km) circuit, some 40 minutes into the race, only 11 cars were still on the same lap as Ickx and Wollek. Ickx set the fastest early lap in 5 min., 40.6 secs., an average speed of 138.093 mph (222.373 kph).

Deloya sets new weightlift mark

TEL AVIV. — One new record was set up in the national weightlifting championships, held at Beit Shazret in Givatayim yesterday.

Lightweight Meir Deloya, 22, of Tel Aviv Maccabi, pressed 117.5 kg — 2.5 kg more than his own

previous record. He won the 52 kg division with a total of 202.5 kg.

Other results:

56 kilos — Yaacov Gurevitch, Zehron Ya'acov, 190 kg.

60 kilos — Issachar Moshe, Tel Aviv Maccabi, 180 kg.

75 kilos — Edward Weitz, Tel Aviv Hapoel 235 kg.

82 kilos — Riyad Shpaak, Acre Hapoel, 250 kg.

90 kilos — Ibrahim Lavavidi, Acre Hapoel 235 kg.

90 kilos — Israel Freedman, Tel Aviv Maccabi 245 kg.

100 kilos — Shlomo Bengal, Tel Aviv Maccabi 240 kg.

110 kilos — Mahmoud Zubaidat, Haifa Maccabi 270 kg.

GRASSCOURTS. — Evonne Cawley of Australia trounced American teenager Pam Shriver 6-3, 6-2 yesterday to win the women's singles title in the grass court tennis championship in Beckenham, England.

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Teenage brothers miss upset in golf

CAESAREA. — Seventeen-year-old Tomar Singer playing with his brother Ori, three years his junior, yesterday came close to bringing off the golf shock of the season. The Haifa brothers took second place in the Betterball Stableford competition here with 48 points, the same number of points as the winners Mike Firon of Tel Aviv and Effie

Been of Herzliya. Firon returned an excellent 65 net round.

Sixteen-year-old Shaul Shifrin of Kir Shmaryahu, playing with Alec Rathouse of Tel Aviv, returned a 47 points score to take third place.

In the four-man teams Alliance competition, the winners were Morty Freedman, Monty Carmon, George Stokol and Chuck Shalkevitz, with 128 points.

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The Jerusalem Proms '79

(16.6.79 — 23.6.79)

First evening, Saturday, 16.6.79, Jerusalem Theatre.

Prelude: 8:00 p.m. on the Piazza — Kiryat Ono Youth Band, conductor Aharon Aikalay. Concert: 9:00 p.m. — Conductor: Gary Bertini, Soloists: Rudolf Buchbinder (piano), Brian Burrows (tenor); with the participation of Rinat National Choir and the Chamber Choir of the Rubin Academy of Music, Jerusalem, directed by Stanley Sperber. Programme: Beethoven: Concerto No. 1 in C Major for Piano and Orchestra, op. 15; U.A. Boscovich: "Daughter of Israel," Cantata; Stravinsky: Symphony of Psalms. Serenata Notturna: 11:00 p.m. in the Foyer — Adi Etzion (soprano) and Moshe Zorman (piano) in "Cabaret of the Twenties."

Second evening, Sunday, 17.6.79, Khan Theatre.

Prelude: 7:30 p.m. in the Patio — The Jerusalem Brass Quintet. Concert: 8:30 p.m. — Beethoven Sonatas for Cello and Piano (First Programme); with Janos Starker (Cello) and Rudolf Buchbinder (Piano). Programme: Sonata in G-Minor, op. 5, no. 2; Sonata in C-Major, op. 102, no. 1; 12 Variations on a Theme from "The Magic Flute," op. 66; Sonata in F-Major, op. 5, no. 1. Serenata Notturna: 11:00 p.m. in the Patio — The Golden City String Band playing American Folk Music.

Third evening, Monday, 18.6.79, Jerusalem Theatre.

Prelude: 7:30 p.m. on the Piazza — The Students' Folklore Group of Hebrew University (in cooperation with Jerusalem municipality). Concert: 8:30 p.m. — Conductor: Gary Bertini, Soloist: Henryk Szeryng (violin). Programme: Bach: Concerto in E-Major for Violin and Orchestra, Mozart: Concerto no. 5 in A-Major for Violin and Orchestra, K. 219; Tchaikovsky: Concerto in D-Major for Violin and Orchestra, op. 35. Serenata Notturna: 11:00 p.m. in the Foyer — Members of the "Ariel" Ensemble (Chamber Music).

Fourth evening, Tuesday, 19.6.79, Khan Theatre.

Prelude: 7:30 p.m. in the Patio — Choir of "Maalot Daphna" School (directed by Nitza Barak) and the Choir of Givat Mordechai School (directed by Yaakov Cohen) from Jerusalem. Concert: 8:30 p.m. — Beethoven Sonatas for Cello and Piano (Second Programme); with Janos Starker (Cello) and Rudolf Buchbinder (Piano). Programme: 12 Variations on a Theme from "Judas Maccabeus," op. 45; Sonata in D-Major, op. 102, no. 2; 7 Variations on a Theme from "The Magic Flute," op. 46; Sonata in A-Major, op. 69. Serenata Notturna: 11:00 p.m. in the Patio — Jazz Group.

Fifth evening, Wednesday, 20.6.79, Jerusalem Theatre.

Prelude: 7:30 p.m. on the Piazza — "The Young Percussionists of the Proms" directed by Pamela Jones. Concert: 8:30 p.m. — Conductor: Avi Ostrovsky, Soloist: Janos Starker (Cello). Programme: Schubert: Symphony No. 3 in D-Major, D.200; Saint-Saëns: Concerto in A-Minor for Cello and Orchestra, op. 33; Tchaikovsky: Variations on a Rocco Theme for Cello and Orchestra, op. 33; Prokofiev: "Romeo and Juliet," Ballet Suites. Serenata Notturna: 11:00 p.m. in the Foyer — "Andalucia" — with the dancer Deanna Blacher and guitarist Ronnie Elgad.

Sixth evening, Thursday, 21.6.79, Jerusalem Theatre.

"Art in the Kibbutz" 4:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. in the Foyer: "The Kibbutz Theatre" (Northern Workshop) presents: "Like Stories" — Grown-ups play for Children. Prelude: 7:30 p.m. on the Piazza — Theatre Group "Sha'ar Hanegev." Concert: 8:30 p.m. — The Kibbutz Chamber Orchestra; Conductor: David Shalton, Soloist: Assaf Zohar (Piano). Programme: Mozart: Divertimento in F-Major, K. 138; Moshe Gasner: "Pentagons"; Bach: Concerto in D-Minor for Piano and Orchestra; Mozart: Symphony no. 40 in G-Minor, K. 550. Serenata Notturna: 11:00 p.m. in the Foyer — "I Like Butterflies" (Emek Hayarden Troupe).

Seventh evening, Saturday, 23.6.79, Jerusalem Theatre.

Gala Evening Prelude: 8:00 p.m. on the Piazza — "The Unknown Country Band." Concert: 9:00 p.m. — Conductor: Andre Kostelanetz, Soloist: Robin Weisel-Capanto (soprano). Programme: Chapi: Overture "La Revoltosa"; Shostakovich: Festival Fantasia; Johann Strauss: Overture "Die Fledermaus"; Kalmán: Entrance of Maritza, Aria "Say Yes" from "La Comtesse Maritza"; Johann Strauss: Czardás; Brahms: Hungarian Dances Nos. 2, 3, 6, 4, 10, 5. Serenata Notturna: 11:00 p.m. in the Foyer — Invitation to the Dance — The audience is invited to dance in the theatre foyer.

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Teachers' responsibility

THE SECONDARY SCHOOL teachers, the Ministry of Education and the Histadrut's Teachers Union are still haggling over the exact day on which school is let out for the summer vacation.

Normally, secondary schools end their regular year somewhat earlier than do elementary schools, June 20, this year. But at the conclusion of the unsuccessful secondary school teachers strike last fall the striking teachers agreed that in lieu of having their pay docked for the weeks they stayed away from classes they would put in extra days of teaching during the Passover and Shavuot holidays and an additional three weeks at the end of the normal year, bringing it to a close on July 13.

The secondary school teachers are now apparently reneging on this agreement and the ministry seems to be going along with this by trying to work out a face saving compromise. This would extend the school year until the end of June only, and require some fictitious participation in the grading of matriculation exams.

The education of children is not a function that can be measured with a stop watch. It is thus not at all clear what high school students would actually stand to lose from the cut of the extra two weeks of instruction.

What is clear, however, is what they stand to lose from a further lowering of the image of their teachers, who should constitute the most immediate example of how the adult world expects the pupils to behave when they join it.

The lesson to be learned by students from this latest example of the teachers' work sanctions is that agreements are made to be broken, if one can get away with it.

No one is challenging the teachers' right to strike. They are equally entitled to resort to such extreme action as any other profession, although there is room to question the wisdom of exercising that right too frequently. What we question is the apparent determination of the teachers to blind themselves to the effects of their cynicism on their charges.

After all teachers are not simply elite to four wage slaves who happen to be manipulating a class of thirty children instead of a lathe or an office file. Even manufacturing workers have learned how to rein in their job action so as not to do irreparable damage to the source of their livelihood. We would have expected a much greater sense of responsibility from teachers, who after all have not been fighting for bread, nor even for butter, but for the controversial principle of their right to receive more than their colleagues in the elementary schools.

READERS' LETTERS

THE "GIMME" MENTALITY

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Three cbsers for Lea Levavi's article, "The 'gimme' mentality" (May 24).

Perhaps if this country had more competent social workers to work with the disabled, their disgusting demonstration would never have occurred. And perhaps more competent social workers would be available if the "powers that be" would give the well-educated, modern, thinking young social workers a chance to show their ability to change this "gimme" mentality that is so prevalent among the handicapped here in Israel. Could it be that these "powers" are afraid that they and their methods are no longer useful, in fact, detrimental?

I wonder how many of your readers thought, while reading Lea Levavi's article, what right she had to denounce and criticize these "poor disabled persons." For their information, Lea Levavi came to Israel about nine years ago, after studying journalism in the U.S. She came alone and worked her way to the position she holds today — a most capable and interesting reporter for The Jerusalem Post. Much credit can also go to your newspaper staff for giving this young woman, totally blind since birth, the chance to prove that the handicapped only need and truly deserve the chance to prove how capable they can be.

HARRIET GINSBERG Kibbutz Misgav Am.

UNBIASED JOURNALISM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — The headline in your issue of May 21 reads: "Broadcasting Authority supports Lapid," yet from your report, one got the impression that all the director-general received was a severe reprimand.

Of all the participants in the five-hour debate, your reporter mentioned by name and quoted at length only the following: Bella Aïmog, Ms. Almog, and for a balanced view — Aïmog. A full column was devoted to her fulminations against Lapid. Not a word about those who supported him, yet he must have had some support, otherwise the result would have been different and Bella would have mustered more than four measly votes.

Speak of biased journalism and the leftover mafia. YOHANAN GOLDMAN Tel Aviv.

We too share Mr. Goldman's smugness about biased journalism. However, as translator into English of Yosef Lapid's short stories, he is hardly an objective judge. As to the facts: the story Mr. Goldman refers to started off with a report on the strong support Lapid received from the Broadcasting Authority plenum. It also contained extensive quotes of Lapid's views. Moreover, The Jerusalem Post published four days later a half-page interview with Yosef Lapid. Hardly biased journalism. Ed. J.P.

PREVENTIVE ARRESTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your May 28 edition reported a claim by police sources that the arrests of 15 Arab university students, including Shadi Ibn Barra of Ben-Gurion University, conducted just prior to President Sadat's visit to BeerSheva, were not "preventive arrests," but were in response to "various offences" allegedly committed by these students.

Those of us familiar with Ibn Barra know the police claim to be pure poppycock. Whatever credibility official police pronouncements on such matters may have once enjoyed, they surely have none today, so soon after the similarly scandalous police behaviour in the Laghia affair, when scores of innocent Beduin were "suspected" of anti-Israeli activities and detained at a police station on trumped-up charges soon dropped.

It is arguable whether Israeli democracy should allow preventive arrests in cases of anticipated illegal, criminal activity; there is surely no doubt that Israeli democracy is seriously weakened by preventive arrests directed against entirely legal, political expression. BEER SHEVA. ALAN ZAITCHICK

ACCESS TO MEDIA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Writing about the Pope's visit to Poland (June 4), you said that Polish Catholics wanted more access to state-controlled media. This is impossible, as they have no access at all to TV and radio at present.

A. PRZEZYNSKI Tel Aviv (Edmonton, Canada).

THE COMMENTS by Moshe Sharon on President Sadat's speech in BeerSheva that appeared in The Jerusalem Post of May 31 are most misleading. Sadat referred in his speech to a "treaty" between Mohammad and the Jewish tribes of Medina which aimed for co-existence. "The Jews of Banu Awf are a community (umma) along with all believers. To the Jews their religion (din) and to the Moslems their religion..."

From the time of his early revelations it was Mohammad's desire to be accepted by the Jews. He saw himself as continuing the monotheistic tradition pioneered by Abraham and Moses.

According to some scholars his initial direction of prayer was towards Jerusalem, and Moslems observed the fast of Ashura (the 10th) similar to the Jewish Yom Kippur on the 10th of Tishrei. These were later changed but there are still many similarities. The Jews of the Arabian peninsula were highly respected for their learning. In claiming to continue their monotheistic tradition and to follow their prophets, Mohammad maintained it was important that the Jews accept him.

The begira to Medina gave Mohammad his initial opportunity to exercise political power, and it also brought him into contact with the rich and powerful Jewish tribes that had lived there for centuries. The main Jewish tribes were the Banu Qainuqa, Nadhir and Qurayzah, numbering 3,000-10,000. Some owned estates and palm trees, others were goldsmiths; some were moneylenders. In his "Treaty of Medina," recognized by most scholars as being authentic, Mohammad recognized the Jews' right to an independent religious community (umma).

In his hook, "Muhammad at Medina," Montgomery Watt speculates on the outcome of history had the Jewish tribes of Medina come to terms with Mohammed. "The Jews might have become partners in the Arab Empire..."

HOWEVER, they opposed him. They taunted him and ridiculed him and even actively intrigued against him. A Jew is said to have translated parts of the Bible into Arabic so that even schoolboys could show the variations in his Bible stories. Jews are said to have jeered at him when some of his attempts at healing failed. Magic was tried, and waxen images, needles and knots were used against him. They rejoiced at the defeats and setbacks that he suffered. It is said that the Jewish Qainuqa tribe asked him for a miracle in the style of Elijah at Carmel.

After his victory at Badr against all the odds he is said to have stalked into their market and asked them if this was not evidence to which they should heed. To which they are said to have replied: "We are not as the Quraysh. We shall defend ourselves." After an argument in which a Jew and a Moslem were killed, Mohammad besieged the Qainuqa and expelled them from Medina.

The following year he was defeated at the battle of Uhud in which the Jewish tribes offered him no help. For various reasons he attacked the Banu Nadhir and expelled them. However, some of these organized a confederacy and came back the next year to do away with Mohammad properly. The leaders of the Jewish Banu Nadhir are said to have been in contact with the Banu Qurayzah, the last sizeable Jewish tribe in Medina to open a second front. These are said to have hesitated, and refused to join a ma-

Islam and the Jews

MORDELL KLEIN discusses the relationship between Jews and Moslems at the time of Mohammad and relates it to developments in the Middle East today.

for assault because it was the Sabbath.

The confederacy was eventually forced to withdraw because of a deep ditch that Mohammad had dug around the town that created problems for their infantry, and also because of exceptionally bad weather.

Mohammad then besieged the "enemy within" the Qurayzah. After their unconditional surrender, the 600-700 males were decapitated and the women and children sold as slaves.

Many, including Arabs, have questioned both the cause and the severity of the punishment. Banishment would have meant, as with the Banu Nadhir, that they could fight him from somewhere else. Sharon refers to Guillaume: "However, one does not expect such acts from one who comes with a message from the Compassionate, the Merciful."

YET IT IS difficult not to compare this incident in early Moslem history with the actions of Moses against the Amalekites. The threat was considered so grave that all Amalekites were to be killed, men, women and children. The incident was repeated when Samuel the Prophet ensured that Saul left no survivors. They were offered no alternative, whereas the Qurayzah were offered the possibility of becoming Moslems. Watt believes that Mohammad was forced to resort to such severe measures to ensure the survival of Islam.

There is no doubt that Mohammad saw this "Battle of the Ditch" as one of his most difficult moments. The whole incident is to be found in the Koran in the chapter known as "The Confederates": "You who believe! Remember the Grace of Allah on you when there came forces against you.

But We sent against them a wind (hurricane) and forces that you saw not. But Allah sees clearly what you do.

Behold they came on you from above you and below you; and behold their eyes became dim and the hearts gasped up to the throats.

And you imagined various things about Allah. The people "above you" are presumably the confederates organized by the Banu Nadhir, and those "below you" are the Qurayzah. The chapter continues:

"And of the People of the Book who aided them, Allah did take them from their strongholds and cast terror into their hearts. (so that) some you killed and some you made prisoners.

And He made you heirs of their lands, their houses and their goods and of a land that you had not frequented before." (Surah 33)

Sharon, however, doubts whether the Jews of Qurayzah actually signed a treaty with Mohammad. Yet it is difficult to doubt Muhammad's original intentions towards the Jewish tribes of Medina and their subsequent opposition and threatening actions.

THUS SADAT's references to the "Treaty of Medina" are clear. Following the precedent of Mohammad's stated intentions in the treaty, towards the Jewish tribes of Medina whether signed by them or not, it is the intention of the Moslem state of rights of the Jews of Israel, if they agree to co-exist together. However, should the Jews not accept but work against the Moslems as happened in the case of the Jewish tribes of Medina, then and only then, will

Moslems be entitled to break the treaty.

Speeches are one thing. A signed treaty must be broken according to the facts. However, attempts by articles such as those by Moshe Sharon to sow doubt in peoples' minds should be curtailed as soon as possible.

Mohammad's experience with the Jewish tribes of the Hejaz forms the basis for many of the references to Jews in the Koran. After the expansion of the Islamic empire these verses became the model for the treatment of the Jewish communities under Moslem rule, and in fact the basis for Moslem attitudes towards Jews today.

It is not clear why the opposition to Mohammad by those Jewish tribes in the Arabian Peninsula was so vehement, although it must be remembered that there were many Arabs opposed to him in the early stages. Apparently one reason given is that Mohammad did not fulfil the detailed requirements to be qualified as a prophet of Israel. He was, even a son of David. However, it may well be asked: Surely they could have lived together side by side as is suggested by the Jewish laws relating to monotheists known as "the sons of Noah"?

THERE ARE some scholars who believe that those Jewish tribes of the Medina area were in fact proselytized Jews or the descendants of proselytes, and thus probably more zealous of their adopted system.

Or possibly, they were not fully aware of the tolerance required by Jewish law to other monotheists. In fact the Jews of Iraq and of Eretria were to welcome the conquering Arab armies, often cooperating with them in their conquests. They referred to them as "the sons of Ishmael."

It seems probable that it is the actions of Jews and Moslems nowadays that will dictate how future relations between the "Children of Israel" and the "Sons of Ishmael" will be determined.

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Refreshing honesty

HARRY HURWITZ welcomes the new Canadian prime minister's post-election reiteration of his intention to move Canada's embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, and hopes it will set an example for others to follow.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT by Canada's new Prime Minister, Joseph Clark, that his government would carry out its election promise to move Canada's embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem, is a rare and refreshing development in international politics.

This must be one of the few occasions when, in relation to world Jewry and Israel, a party in office actually stands by promises made while it was in Opposition. The classic example is, of course, the betrayal by the British Labour Party in 1948, which made far-reaching pledges in regard to Jewish national aspirations while it was in Opposition, quickly forgot about them when it took office and applied a harsher anti-Zionist policy than its predecessors.

Clark is displaying political honesty by declaring that his Party platform during the election is now government policy, and his sentiments were echoed by his Foreign Minister, Flora MacDonald, who announced that Canada would move its embassy to Jerusalem in the near future.

This decision could have far-reaching consequences. It could break the ostrich attitude of the international community; it could set a trend that others will either gladly or reluctantly follow; it could demonstrate the possibility of adhering to principle.

Whatever considerations Western nations may have had when the State of Israel was founded, it is completely absurd to maintain that attitude 31 years later, when reality has overtaken theory and when, whether they like it or not, Jerusalem is the capital of the State of Israel. A number of countries have accepted this reality, and have given it de jure recognition by maintaining their embassies and consulates here despite pressures and threats from outside forces.

THIS IS WHAT Prime Minister Begin conveyed to Clark and his colleagues when they called on him last January. He stated simply that Israel has no other capital, that Jerusalem will never again be divided or come under foreign rule, and urged that logic, justice and fair play demanded world recognition of this fact.

It is to be hoped that the recent reaffirmation of the election promise by Prime Minister Clark means that he will not be diverted by influences that will surely be brought to bear upon him. The U.S. will pressure him to insure that he does not "break the front," and the Arabs are already threatening boycott, embargo and more.

All this was of course anticipated

when Jerusalem unexpectedly became one of the four election issues in faraway Canada. When Clark made his first announcements, Prime Minister Trudeau attacked the proposed move of the Canadian embassy in his election statements, describing such a move as "irresponsible." The matter was debated in the press, on the radio and television. Therefore it may be assumed that the large numbers who voted for Clark and his party approved his proposal and took into account any possible consequences of which the Opposition and external factors had been warning.

On the other hand Canadian elder statesman John Diefenbaker, who had been five country's prime minister in very difficult years, came out in full support of Clark's Jerusalem declaration. In fact it was Diefenbaker who 12 years earlier, following the Six Day War in 1967 (he was then leader of the Opposition) asked the Canadian Parliament to recognize Jerusalem as the capital of Israel.

On the eve of the recent election, Diefenbaker expressed his gratification that Joe Clark had undertaken to move the Canadian embassy to Jerusalem. "This is only natural," Diefenbaker said, "as Israel's Parliament and government offices are located in Jerusalem."

SCRIPTURES argue that the Canadians will not be able to fulfill their promise because of their proximity to the U.S., and dependence upon it. But this is not true. In a number of other sensitive and critical issues Canada has asserted her independence by pursuing a policy that differed from that of the U.S.

For example Canada's relations with the Soviet Union were somewhat different from those of the U.S. Canada recognized Red China and established diplomatic relations with her before the U.S. did. Also, at the time of the Vietnam War, Canada took an independent line and, among other things, offered a haven to draft resisters. The country has also pursued an independent energy policy.

Canada's action on Jerusalem carries a significance that extends far beyond its immediate objective. By acting independently and without fear or favour, Canada has told the world that not all the initiatives need come from the superpowers; that some great and positive actions can emanate from medium nations, such as Canada, which led realpolitik that other fair-minded nations might follow in the future.

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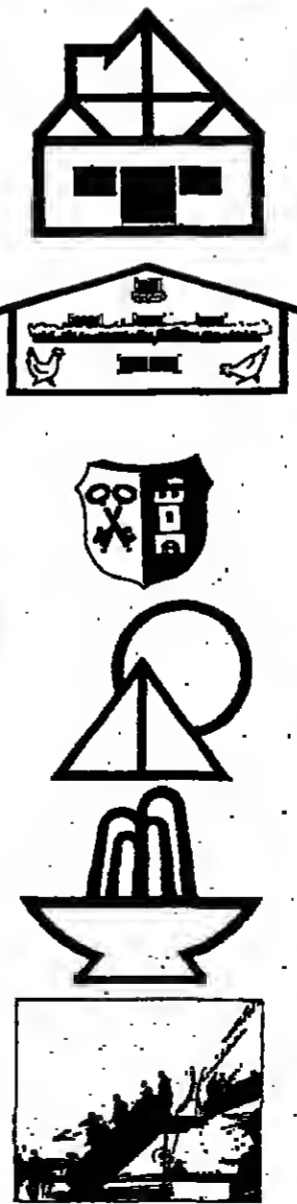
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